

J&K Bank signs MoU with Jammu University

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JAMMU: J&K Bank on Wednesday entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jammu University, wherein the bank bestowed most-favoured client status to the employees of Jammu University and the University declared J&K Bank as a preferred Banker for all banking related services required by its employees.

Deputy General Manager & Zonal Head Jammu, Rajesh Dubey signed the MoU on behalf of the Bank and Registrar Jammu University Prof. Arvind Jasrotia put in his signatures representing Jammu University in presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, Bank's General Manager and Divisional Head Jammu, Sunit Kumar, Cluster Head Aneeta Nehru, Branch Head Sunit Kumar besides



DGM & Zonal Head J&K Bank Jammu, Rajesh Dubey and Registrar JU Prof. Arvind Jasrotia after signing MoU.

senior officers of Jammu University and the Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Head Sunit Kumar said that the signing of this MOU is reinforcement of bank's commitment to over four decades of relationship between the bank and the university. He thanked the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and entire fraternity of Jammu University for their continuous support and said, "By signing

the agreement we have taken the existing relationship to a new level of collaboration which I believe will be beneficial to both the institutions."

"Today, through this win-win agreement, we shall be providing the best-in-class banking and financial services to the employees of this great institution," he added.

While lauding the significant role of Bank in the financial system of J&K on the occa-

sion, Registrar Jammu University, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia said, "This agreement, I hope, will further strengthen our relations by providing our employees best banking and financial services available in the market."

Earlier, Zonal Head Rajesh Dubey thanked the Registrar Jammu University and his team for the warm welcome. He further said, "The core objective of the Jammu University, which is working for the social upliftment of the people, is in perfect alignment with J&K Bank's vision of serving to empower each and every individual through economic upliftment."

Notably, according to the agreement, J&K Bank will offer customized products to the employees of Jammu University with various built-in features besides waiving off processing fees in case of

personal, auto, home and education loans, along with concessional rate of interests.

The employees of the university can now avail preferential pricing on all loans along with permissible deduction up to 75% of gross income. In addition, Car/Personal loans can be granted additional interest rate concessions based on Credit Score. Moreover, as per the agreement, Jammu University will allow the bank to use the employee database to optimize the quality and TAT of banking services, especially the credit delivery mechanism through use of digital channels like corporate website, e-Banking and Mobile banking and shall now onwards issue a centralized letter of confirmation in respect of all its employees to ensure that the Bank provides hassle-free credit facilities to them.

Press Club of Jammu announces prizes

Best Photography Awards: Shilpa awarded special prize: Nitin, Ishika, Ankush got first 3 awards



(1) STATE TIMES photo-journalist Shilpa Thakur receiving special award. (2) All the winners along with senior members of Press Club of Jammu.

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JAMMU: Press Club of Jammu on Wednesday announced Sixth Ashok Sodhi Memorial Awards for Best Photography 2022.

The first prize was grabbed by Nitin Kanotra, Staff Photographer, NHI, Jammu. He was awarded a cash prize of Rs 11,000 and a certificate. STATE TIMES photo-journalist Shilpa Thakur got Rs 50,000 special award and a certificate.

The second prize winner was Ishika Jandiyal, student of Woman College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and the third prize was won by Ankush Sharma, Cameraman, ANI News, Jammu. They were awarded a cash prize of Rs

8,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively with a certificate.

Meanwhile, the other consolation prizes were won by Ankur Sethi, Senior Photographer, Himalayan Mail, Jammu, Arushi Attri, Student, Government Women College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Randhir Singh, Video-journalist, ANI Jammu, Amit Sharma, Senior Video Journalist, Times Now, Jammu, Surjeet Singh, Senior Photojournalist, Ajit Samachar, Jammu, Pardeep Bakshi, Photojournalist, Dainik Jagran, Jammu, Versha Devi, Student, Government Woman College, Parade Ground, Jammu, Diksha Sharma, Student, Government

Woman College, Parade Ground Jammu, Sandhya Bhardwaj, Student, Government Woman College, Parade Ground, Jammu. Rs 2000 was awarded to the consolation prize winners with a certificate.

As the event could not be organised due to Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021 while this year as many as 50 entries were received for the competition with participation of photojournalists increased manifold.

The competition was judged by the three-member jury comprising Sanjita Khajuria, Veteran Journalist, Sunny Dua, Senior Journalist and Khushwinder Singh, Senior Journalist, Jammu.

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The awards for the first three positions were presented by President of Press Club of Jammu, Sanjeev Pargal, Editor-in-Chief, STATE TIMES, Raj Daluji, Senior Journalists Arun Joshi and Ashwani Kumar (Former PCJ President).

Meanwhile the consolation prizes were presented by Senior Journalists Pradeep Dutta, Adarshpal Gupta and Vivek Sharma.

Former President PCJ, Manu Shrivatsa was also present on the occasion. Earlier welcome address was presented by Secretary General, PCJ, Dinesh Manhotra and Vote of Thanks by Executive

Committee Member Dinesh Mahajan while Executive Committee Member, Vishal Bharti compered the programme.

Vice President, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Secretary Finance, Channi Anand, Executive Committee Members, Nishikant Khajuria, Kunal Shrivatsa, Deepak Khajuria, Govind Chauhan, Ajay Meenia and senior journalist Sominder Koul were also present on the occasion.

Senior photojournalist Ashok Sodhi had attained martyrdom while performing his professional duties during a fierce encounter between terrorists and security forces at Samba on May 11, 2008.

The competition was organised by Press Club of Jammu.

EPFO continues to function in flexi hours to offload work

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JAMMU: As a special measure towards customer outreach, EPFO, Jammu supports its facilitation centre and grievances/issues of stakeholders heard by P F Commissioner himself along with a dedicated team for the previous one week.

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office - Jammu is functioning in flexi hours to offload the work related to claims by capitalising on system speed. EPFO is servicing the entire area from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances, and facilitating stakeholders. To ensure service delivery at doorstep, various online initiatives of EPFO such as balance enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer, advance claims and members' basic details were explained with hands-on demonstration.

Karan Sharma approached P F Commissioner for knowing his second UAN (which he was unable to trace). His Establishment Denave India Pvt. Ltd. (in Delhi) was advised to link his Aadhar with UAN. Abhishek (in Delhi), from the Establishment simultaneously linked Karan Sharma's Aadhar with his UAN. The visitor appreciated the services of EPFO and recorded her feedback on her Instagram Account citing promptness of EPFO, Jammu's services.



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WASHINGTON DC: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday interacted with CEOs and representatives of more than 30 prominent American companies at the US Chamber of Commerce headquarters here and exhorted them to avail of enabling business milieu created in India by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Minister said, India under Modi is incentivising investments and called upon them to also engage in Joint Venture opportunities in the wake of pro-business reforms carried out by the Government over the last 8 years.

Miriam Daniel and Priscilla Baek of Google on Geospatial Data, Stefan Alexander, CEO of Nextler Innovations, Emily Beline, Senior Counsel of FedEx, Randy Liebermann, CEO of HoT Technologies, Timothy Puckorius, CEO of Earth Observation Technologies, Glenn Grab of Cyient Technologies, Kevin James, CEO of Climate Compass, Ajeeth Ibrahim of Nanorecs Space Technologies, Ravishankar Lathra, CEO of ITGlobe Inc, Sanjay Singh, CEO of Sintel Satellite Services Inc, were some of the prominent business leaders who interacted in detail with Indian Delegation led by Dr Jitendra Singh.

Apart from business leaders, represen-

tatives from USG/Space, DC

Government, NASA, American Think Tanks, and Federal Representatives took part in the Roundtable in areas associated with Geospatial, Space, Earth & Ocean Science, Pharma and Biotech Sectors, organised by US-India Business Council (USIBC) at U.S. Chamber of Commerce headquarters in Washington, DC.

Atul Keshap, President, USIBC welcomed Dr Jitendra Singh at the Business Roundtable, while Sriprya Ranganathan, Deputy Chief of Mission, Indian Embassy, Washington, D.C. set the tone for Industry Interaction. The CEOs and representatives of Geospatial, Space, Earth & Ocean Science, Pharma, Biotech and other emerging Sectors held discussions on topics like "The

Commercial Opportunities for U.S.-India Space Collaboration, "The Potential of Geospatial", "Expansive Potential for Growth in Sateoms" and "Commercial Space: Brown, Green and Blue". Dr Jitendra told the Business Leaders that India and America have very successful cooperation in Space Science and Exploration and ISRO and NASA are working together to launch a joint radar satellite for Earth observation named NISAR [NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar]. The NISAR mission will collect data vital to tackling the climate crisis. The Minister also informed that ISRO has been getting Deep Space Network Antenna support from NASA in its Missions such as Chandrayaan-1, Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) and Chandrayaan-2 mission

and will continue availing support for our Chandrayaan-3 mission. He said, given the space reforms in India in place, India is looking forward to engaging with private sectors for fabrication, manufacturing, and joint development of space system and infrastructure.

On the subject of Geospatial Ecosystem, Dr Jitendra said that the recent policy reforms provides opportunities to work with academia, industry, and other stakeholders to create a vibrant and dynamical data-driven digital economy. He said, apart from

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